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ANKARA AND ATHENS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

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SUBJ: UN SECRETARIAT THINKING ON COMING CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

1. WE CALLED APRIL 22 ON SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS LIU AND SHERRY, WHO ARE HANDLING UN PREPARATIONS FOR APRIL 28 CYPRUS TALKS. THEIR OUTLOOK IS PRAGMATIC AND BUSINESSLIKE: THEY DO NOT EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM VIENNA, BUT ARE DETERMINED TO GET SERIOUS TALKS UNDERWAY AND AVOID IMPASSE DEVELOPING AT THE OUTSET. THEY ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO TURKISH RESTRICTIVE VIEW OF SYG'S ROLE (PERHAPS MORE SO THAN WALDHEIM HIMSELF), AND WILL BE RECOMMENDING THAT SYG ASSUME LOW POSTURE AND WORK MAINLY BEHIND THE SCENES.

2. SECRETARIAT SEES POSSIBILITY OF MAJOR HURDLE ARISING WHEN TALKS COMMENCE OVER BIZONALITY ISSUE. FROM WECKMANN'S REPORTS, THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT CLERIDES IS READY TO DISCUSS SERIOUSLY SPECIFICS OF TERRITORIAL WITHDRAWAL AND REFUGEE RETURN -- BUT NOT IF GOC ACCEPTANCE OF BIZONALITY IS PRE-CONDITION TO SUCH DISCUSSION. THEY WONDERED IF TURKS  
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COULD NOT BE PERSUADED TO PUT FORWARD CONCRETE IDEAS WITH

TACIT UNDERSTANDING THAT CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION WAS A BIREGIONAL STATE. IDEAS MIGHT BE QUITE GENERAL. FOR EXAMPLE, IT MIGHT BE AGREED TO CONSIDER ULTIMATE SIZE OF TURKISH ZONE AS BETWEEN 25 AND 35 PERCENT. SIMILARLY PARTIES MIGHT AGREE TO DISCUSS EXTENT AND FEASIBILITY OF GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEE RETURN TO VAROSHA AND/OR MORPHOU. ONCE SUCH A DISCUSSION BEGAN, HOWEVER WIDE APART THE INITIAL POSITIONS, THE BIZONALITY QUESTION MIGHT FADE TEMPORARILY INTO THE BACKGROUND.

3. IF RESUMED TALKS GET OFF THE GROUND, SECRETARIAT HAS IN MIND A SCENARIO THAT WOULD HAVE NEGOTIATIONS MOVE FROM VIENNA TO NICOSIA, THEN IN EARLY JUNE BEFORE SYG'S REPORT TO SC BECAME DUE UNDER RESOLUTION 367, BACK TO VIENNA FOR ANOTHER SESSION IN SYG'S PRESENCE. EMPHASIZING IN-HOUSE NATURE OF THIS THINKING, SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS SAID A SECOND VIENNA MEETING WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE PRESSED IF ANY PARTY OBJECTED.

4. LIU AND SHERRY REITERATED UN GRATITUDE FOR ASSISTANCE SECRETARY HARTMAN'S EFFORTS WITH PARTIES AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE.

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